

LORD's Day Service – March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

Preparation for Worship: *Psalms 118:25-29*

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

* *Entrance Hymn* Songbook, front pocket
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

* *Call to Worship* Zechariah 10:9-10

Minister: Grace, mercy and peace be with you, from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

Minister: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Congregation: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* *Hymn* Trinity Hymnal, #173
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

Call to Confession Luke 5:8-10, 12-13, 19-20

Hymn of Confession Trinity Hymnal, #409
Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All

Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.

O most merciful God, since You have given Your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for His sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen!
(Silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Congregation: It is proper and right to do so!

Minister: It is right to praise and thank You, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day we

remember how He entered Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and palm branches along His way. Grant that we who bear His name may ever honor Him as our King, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that He might draw all to Himself; Who by His suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in Him. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and with Your Church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You, singing:

* *Sanctus* Songbook, #79

* *First Gospel Lesson* Matthew 21:1-11

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Hymn Psalter, #98A
O Sing a New Song to the LORD

Let us pray: **Almighty and ever-living God, in Your tender love for the human race You sent Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our nature, our sin, to be wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, oppressed and afflicted, cut off from the land of the living, and stricken for the transgressions of Your people. Thank You for our great salvation in Him. Mercifully grant that we may walk in the example of His suffering till we share also in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 33:17-24

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson James 5:13-16a

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* *Second Gospel Lesson* Matthew 21:12-17

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Pray, Sing, Be Forgiven and Healed"

Hymn Psalter, #118C (4 stanzas, 14-17)
I Shall Not Die

* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church Petitions & the Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

* Hymn

Songbook, #17
By the Sea of Crystal

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

- * The Lord's Commission of Us James 5:16
* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us Numbers 6:24-26
* We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him Psalter, #72D

Announcements

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the wood box on the rear wall of the sanctuary.
(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)



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Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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The simple, unadorned cross reminds us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus, he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is *"the message of the cross...to us who are being saved is the power of God"* (1 Co 1:18).

The color used in the sanctuary in anticipation of Easter is purple or violet. These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.